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## HIGHLIGHTS

### MISSOURI TOBACCO QUITLINE SERVICES UPDATE

The Missouri Tobacco Quitline now offers free nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) to participants who set a quit date and participate in a proactive coaching session with a Quit Coach. Interested participants may get a one-time-only two-week supply of nicotine patches or gum, while supplies last. Medicaid clients won't get NRT from the Quitline, since MO HealthNet will pay for their NRT. Quit coaches will refer them to their health care provider to get any approved cessation medications, both prescription and over-the-counter. The Quitline also has a new texting support program for all participants. Over a four month period – both before and after the quit date – text messages personalized to a caller's quitting plan will be sent to those who want them. Key features include: 1) up to 300 texts tailored to each person's quitting plan; 2) coaching call reminders with a prompt to connect with a Quit Coach; 3) medication reminders and helpful suggestions; 4) tips and games to help with urges; and 5) mobile tracking of tobacco use, urges, cost savings, and other measures. For more information about the Missouri Tobacco Quitline, please contact Leslie Murphy, Bureau of Community Health and Wellness, 573-522-2820, or [Leslie.Murphy@health.mo.gov](mailto:Leslie.Murphy@health.mo.gov).

### PHAB ACCREDITATION EXCHANGE

The DHSS/LPHA PHAB Accreditation Exchange will meet on October 23 at the State Public Health Lab, 101 N. Chestnut, Jefferson City from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The purpose of this group is to provide a forum for DHSS and LPHA employees to learn from each other as they prepare for national PHAB accreditation. The meeting agenda is [attached](#). **Please RSVP to [Jacqueline.Kilgore@health.mo.gov](mailto:Jacqueline.Kilgore@health.mo.gov) by October 21 if you will be attending in person or by conference, so that we may send the speaker's presentations in advance to those joining by conference.** A limited number of phone lines are available.

### WIC UPDATES

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC web page. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

How to Handle a Duplicate State WIC ID (SWID) in MOWINS  
Procedures for Correcting MOWINS Data  
Food and Formula Reference Guide (FFRG)–Effective October 9, 2012  
MOWINS Release 2.16 Conference Calls  
Updated WIC-7 Form (10-12 version)  
WIC Handout–Homemade Baby Foods (#128)  
REMINDER: WIC Help Desk Meeting  
JOB OPPORTUNITY: Health Education Supervisor–St. Louis County Department of Health

## **Satellite Broadcasts and Webcasts**

## **LPHA Job Opportunities**

### **Links to Valuable Resources**

- [Calendar of Events](#)
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- [Area Agencies on Aging & Services](#)
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- [Missouri Public Health Association](#)
- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)

## **METH LAB CLEANUP STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

DHSS's Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology is assembling a stakeholder group to evaluate Missouri's guidelines for cleaning up methamphetamine labs. Missouri, like many other states, does not have regulations requiring sampling or cleanup. In 2000 DHSS developed [basic guidelines on cleanup](#) to assist property owners in making health-protective cleanup decisions. Although Missouri does not have requirements regarding the aftermath of lab discoveries, in 2001 the State of Missouri passed a law mandating disclosure of any former meth lab that is to be sold or rented. The purpose of the stakeholder group is twofold: (1) update Missouri's voluntary guidelines in light of EPA's 2009 [Voluntary Guidelines for Methamphetamine Laboratory Cleanup](#); and (2) determine whether there is a need to address the issue from additional perspectives. If you are interested in participating in this initiative please contact Michelle Hartman at 573-751-6452 or [Michelle.Hartman@health.mo.gov](mailto:Michelle.Hartman@health.mo.gov).

## **COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2013-2015**

If you are a public health nurse, working at the local or state level, or an educator of nursing students, consider applying to be a member of the Council for Public Health Nursing (CPHN). The CPHN is an advisory body to the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), providing leadership, expertise, and advocacy related to public health nursing practice, standards, and issues. Click [here](#) for additional information and application. The deadline for submission is November 2. Contact Cindy Leuthen at 573-526-0449 or [cindy.leuthen@health.mo.gov](mailto:cindy.leuthen@health.mo.gov) for questions.

## **SEEKING NEW LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS, ASPIRING LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS, AND COACHES**

Survive and Thrive: Roadmap for New Local Health Officials is a learning opportunity designed to enhance the skills of new local health officials. You will gain practical tools and tactics to help engage elected officials and community partners; best managed strategic planning and human, financial, and information resources, and bolster your ability to resolve challenges unique to your new role at a local health department. The application for new local health officials is open and space is limited. Please click [here](#) for application details. As space permits, Survive and Thrive will also be open to aspiring local health officials—local health department staff who are being groomed for a local health official position in the near future. These applicants have a leadership position within the local health department and are often second in command to the administrator of the local health department; such positions include deputy health directors, division directors, assistant commissioners, and deputy health officials. Additionally, applications are being accepted for coaches. Coaches offer valuable support and energy to a small group of new local health officials and aspiring local health officials.

Informational conference calls for potential applicants will be held on **Friday, September 28.**

- Register for the 1:30 p.m. call for coaches [here](#).
- Register for the 3:00 p.m. call for fellows [here](#).

**Apply today!** The deadline for applications is **October 15**. Applicants will be notified regarding acceptance in November. For application-related inquiries, please contact NACCHO's Survive and Thrive team at [surviveandthrive@naccho.org](mailto:surviveandthrive@naccho.org).

## **NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK, 2013 (NWHW) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

Please see [attached funding opportunity](#) through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Office on Women's Health (OWH). This funding opportunity provides support for activities and events that promote the health of women and girls in the United States and its affiliated territories. Funding is available for projects that empower women and girls across the country to get healthy by taking action to improve their health and the health of their community. Community-based partnerships and collaborations are strongly encouraged. Projects will be funded up to a maximum amount of \$2,500.

## **DHSS CORNER**

### **DHSS STAFF UPDATE:**

#### **NEW HPR IN THE CENTER FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

Congratulations to Tina Crowe on her promotion in the Center for Local Public Health Services to the Health Program Representative for Maternal Child Health and Child Care Health Consultation Programs.

## **MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS**

### **OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER REGIONAL LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM MEETINGS**

**Mark your calendar and plan to attend the session most convenient for you.**

***(50 percent county attendance from each region is necessary to hold these meetings.)***

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, October 24

Thursday, October 25

Thursday, November 1

Southeast District Health Office – Poplar Bluff

South County Health Center – St. Louis

DHSS – Jefferson City – Oak A & B Conference Rooms

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** For the LPHA Sharing portion of these regional meetings, we invite each agency to share local ordinances that generates revenue for your agency (e.g. retail food establishment inspections, public swimming pool inspections, etc.). To help in this, please bring copies of the actual ordinances to the meetings, or a list of web links that are posted to your agencies website. You may also e-mail it to [Brenda.Buschjost@health.mo.gov](mailto:Brenda.Buschjost@health.mo.gov) or fax it to the Center for Local Public Health Services at 573-751-5350, so that copies can be shared at the meetings.

Attached is an [agenda](#) and [registration form](#) with specific dates and locations. Check the meeting you plan to attend and e-mail or fax the form to the Center for Local Public Health Services, Attn: Brenda Buschjost, at [Brenda.Buschjost@health.mo.gov](mailto:Brenda.Buschjost@health.mo.gov), or 573-751-5350. Go to <http://health.mo.gov/living/lpha/meetings.php> for meeting agendas.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

The University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health will be offering an on-line certificate program in public health emergency preparedness and response. The program is based on Member of Association of Schools of Public Health's (ASPH) recently released Master's Level Public Health Preparedness and Response Competency Model. The four-course certificate program will be available beginning in January 2013 through the school's Division of Community Health Sciences. The deadline for applications is November 15. An informational webinar will be held on October 16 at 3:00 p.m. CST. To register for this webinar, please visit: [http://www.midamericacphp.com/?page\\_id=2227](http://www.midamericacphp.com/?page_id=2227). If you have questions, contact Vikki [vikki@uic.edu](mailto:vikki@uic.edu) and/or David [dbrand@uic.edu](mailto:dbrand@uic.edu) from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

### **GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM TRAINING – November 6**

This training will teach individuals how to take data they currently have and display it in a geographical format. Objectives for the course are to create web maps, web-enable users' data, share data with others, find relevant and useful base-maps, and use state of Missouri data and configurable Geographic Information Systems (GIS) resources. It will be hands-on and participants should bring an Excel spreadsheet of data they currently have in order to practice using the application. This application may be beneficial for planners, epidemiologists, environmentalists, or others involved in surveillance and disease investigation. The training will be held at the Greene County Public Safety Center in Springfield. Please go to the following URL for registration: <https://health.mo.gov/training/gistraining.php>.

### **BUILDING HEALTH EQUITY IN GREATER ST. LOUIS – OCTOBER 19**

The Center for Health Policy and the Missouri Health Equity Collaborative are hosting the Building Health Equity in Greater St. Louis meeting on Friday, October 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time) in St. Louis. Innovative practices and programs will be featured from Greater St. Louis, including Dr. Will Ross, Washington University; Bryan Evans, Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri; and Peter Holtgrave, The OASIS Institute. For more information about this meeting and to register, click [here](#).

### **2012 FORGING NEW FRONTIERS CONFERENCE – November 8-11**

The Injury Free Coalition for Kids and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center presents: 2012 Forging New Frontiers: "Keeping Children Safe at Home, at Play and on the Road" conference on November 8-11. Medical experts and community leaders from around the country are coming together in Kansas City, Missouri to exchange information and techniques designed to prevent injuries, reduce violence, and better understand the economic difference injury prevention makes in a struggling economy. Lessons learned and best practices of programs developed around the country will be discussed through scientific abstracts, lectures, panel discussions, and workshops presented by the country's leading experts in the field of injury prevention and epidemiology. Take advantage of this opportunity to network with representatives from 42 hospitals in 40 cities and learn what works in their communities across the country! See attached [flyer](#) for details.

### **EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING COURSE – December 10-12**

The Prevention Research Center in St. Louis will be holding the next Evidence-Based Decision Making course on December 10-12 at the Saint Louis University School of Public Health. The course is designed to increase participants' understanding of evidence-based principles and to increase the utilization of systematic approaches in day-to-day public health practice. The material covered in the course applies to all public health and senior services practitioners seeking to use resources effectively and efficiently. The course begins at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 10, and ends at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12. Click [here](#) to see the flyer. There is no registration fee, but participants must cover their own expenses (hotel rooms are available at a fixed rate if desired). For more information, please contact Wes Gibbert, Evidence-Based Public Health Course Coordinator, at 314-747-2863 or [wgibbert@slu.edu](mailto:wgibbert@slu.edu). To register for the course please go to: [http://sswwustl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_5hvysSeiQ64VGnj](http://sswwustl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5hvysSeiQ64VGnj).

### **THE 2013 OMAHA SYSTEM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – April 4-6, 2013**

The 2013 Omaha System International Conference: A Key to Practice, Documentation, and Information Management will be held in Eagan, Minnesota on April 4-6, 2013. It is presented by Martin Associates and the host school is the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. This conference offers opportunities to gain knowledge about using electronic health records across diverse settings, exchanging health information, and enabling data sharing among practice, education, and research. Poster abstracts/awards nominations are due January 31, 2013. For additional information about the conference/call for poster abstracts and award nominations, visit the website: [www.omahasystem.org/conferences.html](http://www.omahasystem.org/conferences.html), or send an e-mail to: Marietta Schneider at [marietta@togevents.com](mailto:marietta@togevents.com), or call her at 1-320-828-1901.

## **SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS**

### **UPCOMING SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS**

Please see the [attached flier](#) listing upcoming satellite broadcasts. Contact Nick Goeke at 573-526-4388 or Debbie Nolan at 573-751-6344 with questions or to report technical problems.

## **LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **EPIDEMIOLOGY SPECIALIST/PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PLANNER – Cole County Health Department**

The Cole County Health Department has an opening for an Epidemiology Specialist/Public Health Emergency Planner. This position is responsible for conducting on-going epidemiologic studies in order to investigate, identify and analyze incidence, prevalence trends and causes of injuries, or communicable, chronic or environmentally induced diseases. Ideal candidate must be a graduate of an accredited four-year college or university with an emphasis in epidemiology, biological science, or public health, have experience with bio-terrorism/all hazards planning, and risk communications, and must be proficient in statistical software and report writing. Masters degree in Public Health or Epidemiology is preferred. Resumes can be e-mailed to Dr. Peoples at [mpeoples@colecounty.org](mailto:mpeoples@colecounty.org) or sent to 1616 Industrial Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109, Attn: Dr. Peoples. The application deadline is October 19. Cole County Health Department is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Northeast Missouri Area Health Education Center (NEMOAHEC)**

A non-profit health education agency working to recruit, train, and retain primary care health professionals in northeast Missouri, has an immediate opening for an Executive Director located in Kirksville. This position oversees staff and operations, and works with the Board of Directors to ensure adherence to the center's goals and policies in pursuit of long-term sustainability. The ideal candidate will demonstrate past work experience and skills in agency management and board development, have a strong background in organizational detail and tracking accountability, possess excellent speaking and communication skills, be proficient in Microsoft Office programs, and like working in a team environment. A Masters degree in health administration, health education, health science/education, or behavioral science degree is preferred, however, a bachelors degree in the same fields and applicable work experience is acceptable. This is a full-time salaried position with benefits. Travel is required throughout the northeast Missouri region and for occasional state/national meetings. Please send resume, application (downloadable from [www.nemoahec.org](http://www.nemoahec.org)), and three professional references to: Director Selection Committee, NEMO Area Health Education Center, 312 South Elson Street, Kirksville, MO 63501, or fax: 660-665-6439.

**St. Louis County Department of Health**

Attached is a listing of immediate openings with the St. Louis County Department of Health. For additional information or to apply, visit [www.stlouisco.com/personnel/jobsearch](http://www.stlouisco.com/personnel/jobsearch).

c: Margaret T. Donnelly, DHSS Staff  
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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